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Amendments To National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST) 2003 Handbook 130

Uniform National Type Evaluation Program (NTEP)

Section 3. Certificate of Conformance. The Director shall require a device to be traceable to an active Certificate of conformance prior to its installation or use for commercial or law enforcement purposes. In the enforcement of this regulation our Investigators found industry routinely uses commercial devices, that weigh or measure, that are made up of components each certified with a separate and individual Certificate of Conformance. Literal reading of the regulation does not allow such practice even though it was the intent of the National Conference on Weights & Measures, the author and sponsor of the regulation, to do so. The Scale Manufacturers Association finds no fault in the practice and has generated a letter of support for the applicable changes. This change in the regulation is necessary to make this well supported practice legal.